

TIMT WISTLE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

FEDERAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1959.

By

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TINTWISTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

The month of September once more saw us at war with Germany.

This caused a great upheaval in the economic state of the Country.

Children were evacuated into "Safe Areas" - from towns - Air raid shelters were built for protection against air raids and other units were formed to deal with Fire, Decontamination, and First Aid.

The Longdendale Valley was considered a safe area, so consequently it was scheduled as an area where children could be evacuated.

On September 1st, 2nd and 23rd mothers and children were evacuated into the district to the number of about 100. The children attended the Wheeler Street Council School, Openshaw.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

According to figures supplied to me from the Manager of the Glossop Labour Exchange, the number of unemployed on the books, December 31st, 1939, were 12.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

During 1940 Mr. Taylor has been appointed Sanitary Inspector in the place of Mr. Bell, who, through illness, was practically unable to do any work during 1939, and no-one could be found to fill his place. Consequently, Mr. Taylor had some difficulty in submitting a report.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEORGE J. ATBURN, B.Hy.,

Medical Officer of Health.

S T A T I S T I C A L

The following are the general statistics for the year 1939:-

Area of District (acres)	11,855
Estimated Population: Estimated Resident Population	1,228
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books	437
Rateable Value	£23,854
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£79
Births: Legitimate ... 10 males; 5 females; total	15
Illegitimate ... 0 " ; 0 " ; total	Nil
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of child birth..	Nil
Still Births.... ..	1
Birth Rate..	12.3
Death Rate..	17.8
Infantile Death Rate	Nil
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea.	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	4

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA

All have remained the same as in 1938.

WATER SUPPLY

The village is well supplied with water. Manchester Corporation have put a pump in to give an extra supply of 24,000 gallons a day.

SCHOOLS

There are two elementary schools. They are well built - good water supply and ventilation.

MILK

The village is supplied with milk from the surrounding farms. There are no accredited milk purveyors. Six samples of milk were analysed. One was found deficient in fat to the extent of 38.3%.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1939.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria... ..	5	5	1
Pneumonia	1	Nil	Nil

Diphtheria : Five cases reported during the year - all were sent to hospital. There was one death.

During the last quarter of 1938 a number of cases were reported in children attending the C. E. School.

In the month of January, 1939, three more cases were notified, I decided to swab the throat and nose of all the scholars and teachers in the C. E. School.

I had a letter from the County M.O.H. who is the school M.O. saying he was unable to do it as they were short staffed. I took about 100 swabs with the result I found 14 carriers. These were treated by their own doctors on my advice. I found it advisable to take both throat and nasal swabs as in 10 cases the throat swab was negative and nasal positive. The C. E. School was closed from 22/3/39 to 6/4/39.

Most of the "carriers" were reported negative 1/4/39, the others on 15th and 17th/4/39.

The schools were thoroughly disinfected - all pens, pencils and note books burned.

Analysis of the Total Notified Cases under the following Age Groups:-

Scarlet Fever	1- 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 Case
Diphtheria	...	1- 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 "
		5-10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 Cases
		10-15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 Case
Pneumonia	...	15-20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 Case

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

All cases of Diphtheria were given Anti-Toxin supplied by the Council and the families isolated. All cases were sent to hospital. The houses were disinfected.

Immunization against Diphtheria is not undertaken by the Council.

Head Teachers of schools report to the M.O.H. any case of supposed infectious disease amongst the scholars.

ADULTERATIONFood and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.

Mr. Hallard, Chief Inspector for the County of Chester under the above Act, reports as having taken the following samples during the year ended December 31st, 1939.

<u>Name of Sample.</u>	<u>Number Obtained</u>	<u>Number: Adulteration or not up to the rec- ognised standard of quality.</u>
Beer	1	—
Caraway Seeds...	1	—
Lard	1	—
Milk	6	1
	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

The sample of milk was found to be 38.3% deficient in milk fat. Proceedings were taken against the seller.

At the Police Court hearing the case was dismissed on the Defendant paying £1. 5s. 0d. costs.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was reported during the year. The patient, a female, age 37, was sent for Sanatorium treatment.

Two cases of sputum were sent to the Public Health Dept., Chester, for examination. One was positive, the other negative.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Written Notices</u>	<u>Number of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
<u>Factories</u> with mechanical power ...	Nil	—	—
<u>Factories</u> without mechanical power	Nil	—	—
<u>Other Premises</u> under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises).	Nil	—	—
Total... ..	Nil	—	—

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Council Offices,
Manchester Road,
Tintwistle.

January 1st, 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the Tintwistle

Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Bell, your late Sanitary Inspector, I have undertaken the duty of presenting this Annual Report, and on his behalf, thank the Clerk and Councillors for the courtesy and consideration shown to him during this period.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING

There are 437 inhabited dwelling-houses in the District. There are no cellar dwellings. There are no back to back houses.

HOUSING ACTS

Houses have been inspected under The Housing Act, 1936. In all cases where Statutory Notices have been served, the necessary work has been made under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

In the Urban part of the District, the House Refuse is collected weekly by the Rural District Council. A galvanized iron dust-bin has been provided for each house in accordance with Notices served by the Council. In the Rural parts, the Refuse is removed by the occupiers, except at Woodhead and Crowden districts, where it is removed by the owners, i.e. The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department.

The following figures relate to Sanitary Conveniences in the District:-

Privies or Pail Closets...	21
Fresh Water Closets...	319
Waste Water Closets...	38
Water Closets fixed during 1939...	10

WATER SUPPLY

The supplies are adequate in all parts of the District; a shortage may be experienced in a dry season.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS & MILKSHOPS ORDER

The number of Cowkeepers registered are five. Dairies are attached to the Farmhouses, but as a rule only small quantities of milk are kept on the premises; it is sold and delivered on the day of production, the greater portion being retailed locally.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is only one registered in the District, and this is seldom used. There is only one butcher's shop, and this sells meat wholly from animals slaughtered outside the District.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. H. TAYLOR,

F.F.Sc.London.
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